

## STRIKERS' PROSPECTS GROWING BRIGHTER

Rev. C. H. Doolittle, who has just returned from a trip over the I. C. and Harriman lines as far as Omaha, during which he addressed several meetings of strikers and their sympathizers, said today that the prospects were growing brighter for the men in their fight with the roads for recognition of the system federation granted by the Wabash Saturday.

"At Freeport," said Rev. Doolittle, "I addressed meetings in the two largest halls there, but even then we had to turn people away. The men were confident, and here, as well as at other points on the line, resembled men on a vacation, instead of strikers engaged in a grim struggle with a great corporation.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the strikers, which is local to Freeport, is a great aid to the men, and their work cannot be commended too highly. As an instance of the regard in which the men are held, and to show that the conduct of the strike has been quiet and orderly, I addressed the Ministerial Association there, and the president of the association was sent to open one of my meetings with prayer.

"In Waterloo, Ia., it was the same story. The men were cheerful and courageous, and are being supported by the ministers. The meeting there was well attended.

"Omaha gave me the warmest reception, men being turned away from the two large meetings we

held there. There are no desertions from the strikers' ranks, and they are all resolved to go back in a body, victorious, or not go at all. The mayor, and several ministers whom I met, commended the orderly conduct of the men."

Rev. Doolittle will address a meeting of the Burnside strikers at Grand Crossing, Turner hall tomorrow morning. President J. W. Kline of the Blacksmiths', who is attending a meeting of the international presidents at St. Louis, is expected to return to Chicago Tuesday.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—At a secret meeting here today, the heads of the five international unions now on strike on all the Harriman lines, laid their plans for a tie-up of all western railroads before local labor leaders. Support of all unions on all western lines, in a gigantic general strike, was urged.

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### Her Intent.

"Mrs. Bangs declares her husband is first with her and she ably seconds him."

"That's to make sure of her thirds."—Baltimore American.

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Millionaire Stokes boasted that he had received a consignment of forty Chicago widows. And now he's making a great squeal over being shot.

It costs half a cent for a Christmas card. Can't you split a penny with a friend?